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SUBJ: NARCOTICS - RECENT DEVELOPMENTS (PERIODIC REPORT NO. 5,  
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1. DIPLOMATIC: RECENT SURVEYS IN HELMAND VALLEY AREA BY MISSION  
PERSONNEL REVEAL POPPIES ARE NOT BEING GROWN ON COMMERCIAL BASIS,  
BUT SOME SMALL PLOTS FOR PERSONAL USE UNDOUBTEDLY STILL EXIST WITHIN  
WALLED COMPOUNDS. BELIEVE THIS PROMISING DEVELOPMENT RESULT OF  
REPEATED KABUL MAISSION DEMARCHES TO GOA REGARDING ADVERSE REPER-  
CUSSIONS IN U.S. CONGRESS OF CONTINUED LARGE SCALE CULTIVATION  
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HELMAND. UN POLICE (NARCOTICS) ADVISOR MAGNUSSON ARRIVED  
KABUL JUNE 18, ESCORTED BY MICHAEL DAVIES (DND) FROM GENEVA

WHO REMAINING KABUL ONE WEEK FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH GOA OFFICIALS. ALFONS NOLL (DND) SCHEDULED VISIT KABUL LATE JULY OR AUGUST WITH NEW DRAFT ENFORCEMENT LAW. HOPEFULLY ARRIVAL OF POLICE ADVISOR MAGNUSSON AND VISITS OF DAVIES AND NOLL WILL RESULT IN FORWARD MOVEMENT BY GOA IN ESTABLISHMENT OF COORDINATED ANTI-NARCOTICS PROGRAM WITH JOINT UNFDAC, DND AND BEHIND-THE-SCENES US PARTICIPATION.

2. ENFORCEMENT: LOCAL PRESS GIVING GREATER AMOUNT COVERAGE TO GOA SEIZURES AND ARRESTS. MOST REPORTED SEIZURES INVOLVE

HASHISH AND HASHISH OIL, BUT SOME SIGNIFICANT SEIZURES OF OPIUM HAVE ALSO BEEN REPORTED RECENTLY. SAMPLE OF SIGNIFICANT OPIUM ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES REPORTED IN PRESS ARE: 192 KILOS OF OPIUM SEIZED BY POLICE IN SURKHARD WALESWALI ON FEB 28. BORDER POLICE OF NANGARHAR PROVINCE ARRESTED GROUP OF SMUGGLERS WITH 252 KILOS OF OPIUM ON MARCH 5. BORDER GUARDS OF FARAH PROVINCE SEIZED 53 KILOS OF OPIUM HIDDEN IN BAGS OF FLOUR ON FEBRUARY 1. BORDER POLICE OF NANGARHAR PROVINCE ON MARCH 11 DISCOVERED 595 KILOS OF OPIUM HIDDEN IN A LORRY. IN GULRAN IN HERAT PROVINCE, BORDER POLICE DISCOVERED 170 KILOS OF OPIUM HIDDEN IN A JEEP, BUT THE DRIVER HAD ABANDONED THE JEEP BEFORE IT WAS SEARCHED. ON MAY 15, HERAT POLICE OFFICERS SEIZED 68 KILOS OPIUM AND A PISTOL IN KHAJEH VILLAGE (QALA-E-KHOWJEH) OF HERAT PROVINCE. (OWNER ESCAPED). SECURITY POLICE AT KABUL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT REPORT THAT SINCE BEGINNING OF AFGHAN YEAR 1353 (MARCH 21, 1974). 30 NARCOTIC SMUGGLERS HAVE BEEN CAUGHT, RESULTING IN SEIZURES OF 56 KILOS OF HASHISH AND 2 LITRES OF HASHISH OIL. NUMEROUS HASHISH AND LIQUID HASHISH SEIZURES WERE ALSO REPORTED IN PRESS DURING THIS PERIOD; 36 CASES INVOLVED AFGHAN NATIONALS; REMAINDER OF REPORTS COVERED ARRESTS AND/OR FINES/SENTENCING OF 2 AMERICANS, 3 GERMANS, 1 GREEK, 1 SWISS AND 3 OF UNIDENTIFIED NATIONALITY.

3. JUDICIAL: OLD AND NEW COURT CASES INVOLVING NARCOTICS APPARENTLY ARE BEING HANDLED ON MORE TIMELY BASIS. SOME SIGNIFICANT COURT CASES RESULTING IN FINES AND/OR IMPRISONMENT OF PRINCIPALS INVOLVED, AS REPORTED IN LOCAL PRESS, ARE:  
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A. ON FEBRUARY 26, HAJI ATA MOHAMMAD, PRESIDENT OF AQA-E-TRANSPORT WAS FINED 9.5 MILLION AFGHANIS (APPROXIMATELY \$163,800 AT 58/\$1) FOR SMUGGLING 1310 KILOS OF OPIUM IN 1970, BETWEEN FARAH AND HERAT IN TWO VEHICLES BELONGING TO HIS COMPANY. CASE AGAINST HAJI ATA MOHAMMAD HAD BEEN PENDING FOR NEARLY FOUR YEARS.

B. PRESIDENT OF NARCOTICS COURT OF KABUL PUBLIC SECURITY COURT SENTENCED HAJI MOHAMMAD AZAM TO THREE YEARS IN PRISON AND 50,000 AFS (\$862) FINE AND HIS SON, MOHAMMAD AMAN, TO SIX YEARS FOR POSSESSION OF

147 KILOS OF "COOKED" HASHISH. ANOTHER PRINCIPAL IN CASE, KHAN  
SHERIN, FINED 16,000 AFS (\$275).

C. ON MAY 14, PRESIDENT OF NARCOTICS COURT SENTENCED HAJI ABDUL HAMID  
OF KANDAHAR TO 3 1/2 YEARS AND FINED HIM 800,000 AFGHANIS (\$13,800)  
FOR ATTEMPTING TO SMUGGLE 2360 KILOS OF OPIUM INTO IRAN. HIS  
ACCOMPLICES, MOHAMMAD TAHER AND MOHAMMAD NASSER, RECEIVED SENTENCES  
OF 2 1/2 YEARS AND ONE YEAR RESPECTIVELY; HAJI MOHAMMAD MOSSA WAS  
FINED 40,000 AFS. (\$690).  
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